

WORKHOUSE PLAN MAY GO TO VOTE

Supervisor S. R. Wright Will Bring
Matter Up at March Meeting of
County Board.

BOWEN PRAISES OFFICIALS

Executive Secretary of Charities Com-
mission Approves Recalling of
Grand Jury.

Indications are that when the board of supervisors convenes in March, the matter of a county workhouse will be thoroughly considered. Supervisor S. R. Wright is planning on bringing up the subject of submitting the question of a special tax or bond issue for the institution at the general election in the fall.

Recently Mr. Wright wrote to A. L. Bowen, executive secretary of the state charities commission relative to the best way to proceed in the premises and received a reply in which it was stated that while the county plan was approved, the commission favors enactment of a law providing for the erection by the state of workhouses in each congressional district.

Mr. Bowen took occasion to compliment officials here for the plan of recalling the grand jury which has been adopted. Special credit should be given State's Attorney F. E. Thompson, who has been faithfully following this rule, resulting in the disposition of criminal cases with the greatest dispatch and doing away with the long delays which were the rule in the past. Judge W. T. Church of the circuit court has gladly cooperated.

Praise for Thompson.

Letter of Mr. Bowen follows:
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 29, 1916—
Mr. Samuel R. Wright, Rock Is-
land, Ill. Dear Sir: Your letter of
Jan. 21 has been received. Rock
Island county has been doing
some good work, and I am glad
to be able to make note of it.

The action of your judge in
recalling your county grand jury
every 30 days is one of the most
progressive of recent years and I
am hoping that other counties will
follow his example. This act
means justice and economy.

Now, as to your workhouse. I am not familiar with your local conditions and therefore would hesitate to advise just what to do in this matter. On the general proposition, however, our commission favors the district workhouse, under the control of the state. We believe that the man who has been convicted of an offense which entails a jail sentence is just as much a state prisoner as he who commits a graver offense and is sent to Joliet. The difficulty with a county workhouse is that the number of prisoners is not enough to make it economically successful. The number of prisoners also varies considerably. In order to make the county workhouse really successful you must have enough men for a variety of employments and you must have in charge a man of considerable skill and ability.

Now the district workhouse under state control would have on hand all the time from 400 to 600 prisoners. The superintendent for such an institution could be secured for about the same salary that the county would have to pay to a competent man. There are many other advantages of the state district workhouse scheme. We are devoting our energies to working up public opinion in favor of such a plan, consequently are not encouraging the county workhouse. We do not discourage it. We know that the Peoria county workhouse has been quite successful. The superintendent of that institution evidently is a man of superior ability because he has lived held this position for many years through many different administrations. The plan that is carried out in Peoria of cooperation between the city and the county is very good.

Please do not understand that I am discouraging your plan. Local conditions should very often be the deciding factor in any proposal regarding government. Yours respectfully,

A. L. BOWEN,
Executive Secretary.

Can Call Election.
That a special election can be called if necessary to submit to the people the matter of a special tax for a county workhouse is the opinion of State's Attorney F. E. Thompson in a letter to Mr. Wright, which follows:

Rock Island, Ill., Jan. 31, 1916.
S. R. Wright, Member Board of Supervisors, Rock Island, Ill. Dear Sir: In answer to your inquiry as to whether or not a vote may be taken by the people for the purpose of raising a tax in addition to the constitutional limit for the purpose of building a county workhouse, will say that the statutes provide that the county board may provide for the submission of the question of raising a tax in addition to the constitutional limit to the vote of the people at the next election of county officers, or at any judicial election held in the county after the adoption of the resolution providing for a workhouse, and since a county workhouse is a public building for the use of the county a special election may be held for such purpose.

Such special election may be held this spring or at any other convenient time, sufficient notice being given to the clerk of the submission of such question. Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD E. THOMPSON,
State's Attorney.

MRS. GEORGE CRABS PASSES IN MERCER

(Special to The Argus.)

Hamlet, Ill., Feb. 1.—Mrs. George D. Crabs passed away Monday morning after a four day's illness of pneumonia. She was born in New York in 1827 and was the daughter of Alexander and Sarah (McKay) Hazlett, both of New Jersey. She emigrated with her parents to Illinois in 1828, and located in Rock Island county in 1829. She was married July, 1850, to George D. Crabs of Jefferson county, Ohio. They located in Rock Island county and remained there until 1859, when they moved to Mercer county to the farm where they resided at the time of Mrs. Crabs' death. She leaves to mourn her aged husband, who has been lying critically sick since he fell Jan. 19, six children and nine grandchildren.

Seems Pretty Long.
"Paw, what's the longest period of time?" "From one pay day to the next."—Buffalo Express.

VOTE UNANIMOUS ON CAFE CHANGES

City Commission Adopts for Consideration
Ordinance Drafted by Commissioner Liedtke.

COLONIAL BONDS ARE TABLED

Mayor Advises That Matter Be Not
Breached Until Modifying Act Is
Finally Passed by Council.

The ordinance tightening regulations governing operation of cafes was unanimously considered by the Rock Island municipal commission at its meeting yesterday when the measure was taken up for first reading. None of the commissioners showed opposition to the modifying act, and although one cafe owner was at the city hall before the meeting was called he did not voice his opinions on the floor of the council chamber. The ordinance will be presented again next Monday for final adoption and present indications point that it will be passed. It was drafted by Commissioner Liedtke.

When Commissioner Rudgren presented the bonds filed by A. D. Mackey, owner of the Colonial hotel bar, who had petitioned the commission for a license to sell drinks in the hotel cafe, Mayor McConchie advised that the bonds be tabled until the council had first finally passed the cafe ordinance. Whether the adoption of this measure giving the council practically arbitrary control over the cafes will result in restoration of the Colonial cafe license is a matter of conjecture at present. It is understood, however, that the council will be in a more receptive mood in regards to a petition after it first empowers itself with this control.

The amendment ordinance provides in brief: That no scantily clad singer or dancer be permitted in the cafes, or that no suggestive song or dance or any solicitations be allowed; that no drinks be sold after midnight; that no hotel be given a license unless it has 50 guest rooms; that the license fee for cafes be increased from \$200 to \$400 per year; and that the council is empowered to revoke a license if any of the city ordinances or state laws are violated.

Adjust Claim.

A resolution submitted by Commissioner Rudgren allowed a claim of \$75 to Charles Brady, who purchased the property of the defunct Union Electric Telephone company in this city. Ward & McMahon, local plumbing firm, held a claim of \$75 against the company and started an action in local justice court to garnish Brady for the amount of the claim. The controversy lay between Brady and the plumbing concern and when the city turned over the property to Brady last spring it withheld \$75 to protect itself. The matter has been adjusted outside of court and the city in turning the money over to Brady does so with the understanding that Brady will pay the claim.

Rebates of \$159.26 on public improvement projects were allowed by the city. The weekly payroll of \$293.10 and semi-monthly salary claims of \$4,205.95 were ordered drawn.

The ordinance providing for the South Heights sewer was readopted by the council in order to clear the records since the project is to be taken into court this week.

BRITISH STEAMER APPAM IS SEIZED BY GERMANS.

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the United States since the beginning of the war.

The German ships Kron Prinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which took refuge in Hampton Roads early in the war, were auxiliary cruisers and now are interned as such.

The Hague convention provides: "A prize may only be brought into a neutral port on account of unseaworthiness, stress of weather or want of fuel or provisions."

"It must leave as soon as the circumstances which justify its entry are at an end. If it does not, the neutral power must order it to leave at once; should it fail to obey, the neutral power must employ the means at its disposal to release it with its officers and crew and to intern the prize crew."

In case the Appam can be considered as an auxiliary cruiser, she is entitled, under international law, to a certain length of time to make any necessary repairs and load enough coal and provisions to carry her to her nearest home port.

Will Remain Here.

In any event officials here regard it as a foregone conclusion that the Appam will remain in Hampton Roads until the end of the war. British cruisers, patrolling the Atlantic probably already advised of the arrival of the Appam, will be steaming for the Virginia capes to guard the entrance outside the three-mile limit. As a merchant ship she could remain voluntarily in port, and the only question for the United States to determine would be the disposition of the German prize crew and the prisoners of war which the ship carries.

The probabilities are that if the Appam still has the character of a merchantman and the prize crew does not elect to take the risk of running the gauntlet of British cruisers outside, the customs collector will take charge of the vessel and after probably internment her prize crew would return the ship to her owners.

The exploit of the German commander in placing a crew from a submarine aboard a merchant ship and sailing her into port without loss of life of passengers or crew may have a bearing on the submarine controversy between the United States and Germany. Some officials were inclined to regard the feat as added evidence to support the contention of the United

States that even under modern conditions of naval warfare, a submarine can capture a ship without loss of life. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—It is reported here that the submarine which took the Appam sunk seven other ships and that from the latter there were only two survivors who were injured. It is known that the Appam has four injured passengers aboard. Lieutenant Berg denied that the Appam sunk any other ships after the German prize crew took her.

Wilson Withholds Comment.
Chicago, Feb. 1.—President Wilson was informed of the arrival of the British ship Appam at Newport News, under a German flag and commanded by a prize crew from a German submarine, but made no comment.

Left Africa Jan. 11.
New York, Jan. 1.—The Appam sailed from Dakar, in the French colony of Senegal, West Africa, for Plymouth, England, on Jan. 11. When about four days out wireless communication with the vessel suddenly ceased and as the days passed without further word of her she was given up for lost.

A dispatch from Hull, England, to London Lloyds on Jan. 28 said that the British steamer Tregentle had reported having passed at sea on Jan. 26 a lifeboat with the name Appam painted on the stern and with the bows knocked away. It was feared she had gone down in a severe storm, or possibly had encountered a German submarine operating on the African coast. The Appam, under ordinary conditions, would have reached Plymouth on Jan. 21.

The Appam sailed with 166 passengers and with a crew of 134. Among the passengers were British colonial officials. After leaving Dakar she called at all ports on the west coast of Africa, picking up officials who intended to return to England on furlough. These men formed a considerable portion of her passenger list.

Among the passengers who were booked to sail on the Appam were Sir Edward and Lady Merewether and their suite; Frederick Seton James, former acting colonial secretary and closely identified with colonial administrative affairs in Africa; Francis Charles Fuller, who was appointed chief commissioner of Askanti in 1905, and Mrs. Fuller.

The Appam is 425 feet long, and 57 feet beam. She was built in 1913 at Belfast, Ireland, and was owned by the British and African Steam Navigation company.

TWO OLD RESIDENTS ILLINOIS CITY DEAD

(Special to The Argus.)

Illinois City, Feb. 1.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Peter Sedam, who passed away Saturday morning at her home near Illinois City, Ill., was held at 11 o'clock yesterday morning from the Methodist church at Illinois City, Rev. Ball officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the Illinois City cemetery. Mrs. Sedam's death was due to a complication of ills superinduced by a paralytic stroke, which she suffered about two weeks ago. She was 67 years of age at the time of her death. The deceased was born in Medicine, Ill., removing with her parents to Illinois City when she was two years old. She was a member of the Methodist church at Illinois City. To mourn her death she leaves her husband and one son, Warren Sedam of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, her father, John Moorehead, and brother, Andrew Moorehead, both residing near Illinois City, also survive.

William A. France, age 81 years, died at his home in Illinois City at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. His death was due to natural causes. Mr. France was born in Louisville, Ohio, and came to Illinois with his parents, when still a child. He lived on a farm near Illinois City until about twenty years ago, where he spent his declining years. He leaves his wife, four sons, Elmer and Winn, of near Illinois City; John, of Blue Grass, and Charles, of Sweetland township, and one daughter, Isabel, of Omaha, Neb. A brother and a sister also survive. The funeral was held this afternoon from the Illinois City Methodist church, the Rev. Mr. Ball officiating and burial took place in the Illinois City cemetery.

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All persons desiring may file objections in said court, before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.
Dated Rock Island, Ill., Jan. 27, 1916.
J. W. CRANDALL,
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John K. Scott, city attorney.
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